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Reinstatement of certain teachers in the Azhikode South Higher Elementary School, North Malabar.

* 429 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Educational Officer, North Malabar, issued orders to the management of the Azhikode South Higher Elementary School, Azhikode, North Malabar, to reinstate three teachers who were suspended some months ago; and

(b) if so, whether the management have carried out the orders of the District Educational Officer?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No, Sir."

Harijan contractors in the Public Works Department.

* 430 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applicants among the Scheduled Castes for registration as contractors in the Public Works Department;

(b) the number of persons registered; and

(c) the number of Harijan contractors now and the value of contracts given to them?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-one.

" (b) Twenty.

" (c) Nineteen. The total value of the contracts given to them for the past three years ending with 1953–54 was Rs. 1,47,084."

Grievances of the Madras China Bazaar platform merchants.

* 431 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation has been made to the Government recently by the Madras China Bazaar Platform Merchants' Association, Madras, alleging police excesses, increase in tax, etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Quarters for the Resident Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Kozhikode.

* 432 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state why the Government have not provided residential quarters for the Resident Medical Officer of the Government Hospital, Kozhikode?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Quarters have been provided."

Construction of Karianket bridge at Nileshwar, South Kanara.

* 433 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction work of the Karianket bridge at Nileshwar in Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara, has commenced ; and

(*b*) when the work is proposed to be completed?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) By the end of 1955."

Restoration of certificates of certain teachers.

* 434 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to starred question No. 940 answered on 24th July 1953, what action the Government have taken to implement the assurance given by the Hon. the Chief Minister in his answer to that question?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" With reference to the assurances given in the Assembly the Government have issued orders in October 1953 that all teachers' certificates, which were either suspended or cancelled for participation in Communist activities be restored to the teachers concerned."

Grievances of hospital workers in Malabar district.

* 435 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum from Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A., on 23rd June 1954 requesting the Government to give dress or dress allowance to the hospital workers in Malabar, to provide a rest place for women nursing orderlies of the Government Women and Children's Hospital, Kozhikode, to take food and rest, and to give daily allowance to the doctors, compounders, drivers, cleaners, etc., who were sent for special work in North Malabar when any epidemic broke out there; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :— ' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The matter is under examination."

Repairs to Kozhikode-Cannanore main road.

* 436 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount spent by the Government in tarring and repairing the Kozhikode-Cannanore main road in 1953–54; and

(*b*) the amount set apart by the Government for the same purpose in 1954–55?